

Journey Pages

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING FOR GOD'S SAKE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

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Good morning and welcome to St. John's Plymouth! We are glad you are here and hope you have a great worship experience with us today.

Our faith tradition is known by a motto seen on signs in big cities and small towns across the country: *"The Episcopal Church Welcomes You."* Our community takes that phrase to heart, opening our hearts and our worship to everyone, especially those who may have been turned off by or turned away from previous church experiences for any reason.

St. John's is a community built on varied backgrounds and faith experiences; we love our tradition and rituals, but we love people even more. We are committed to opening our doors as wide as possible because we pattern our lives after Jesus' teachings and his message of radical welcome and inclusive love.

If you are visiting for the first time, we are happy that God led you to this place and hope that you will return again. We suggest you visit 3-4 times, this Sunday may be different from the next!

We would like to *thank you* for visiting! Please fill out a "Get Connected" card found in the pews. We also suggest you visit our website for more information about our community.

ALTAR FLOWER & AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATIONS

Would you like to dedicate altar flowers or the aumbry light in November & December? There are a several open dates through year-end for dedications.

If you wish to honor a loved one or event, see the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway. Suggested donation for altar flowers is \$50, and the aumbry light is \$5. Envelopes are by the sign up sheets.



THE TRANSITION PROCESS 101: THREE PHASES

"An effective [parish leadership] transition journey provides both the time and the focus by which a congregation can strengthen its ministries, rediscover and renew its goals and resources, and prepare positively for a new priest. In a well-led transition, the process of self-study, search and call can occur in a climate of honesty, healing, dreaming, building, and celebrating as the Body of Christ. The church finds that far from being 'on hold' during this period, it is directly and creatively engaged with the most essential issues of its common life. Freed from a sense of panic or crisis, the transition period can be a time of surprising renewal and growth."

Those words introduce the "Development Goals" of the transition process outlined in the document *Reaching Out for What Lies Ahead: Transition Ministry for Congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan*. There are eight development tasks with which we will engage phase one of this journey together:

1. Coming to Terms with History/Heritage
2. Discovering a New Identity/Mission
3. Strengthening Patterns of Lay Leadership
4. Strengthening Ties to the Wider Church/Connections
5. Commitment to New Leadership and to a New Future
6. Understanding the Shifting Context Churches Now Face
7. Revisiting Scriptures that Address the Nature and Calling of the Church
8. Learning to Better Love One Another

Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30pm in the Gathering I will introduce a process that provides structure and tools for implementing these goals. This process will require a leadership "Discovery Team" of eight, and may reveal some challenges to address during the transition. The next two phases are developing a parish profile, followed by the search process itself. It's hard to know how the timing will work because the priority will be first honoring the discovery process.

Before that, though, I will invite you into opportunities to bathe this process in prayer. I count it such a privilege to walk with you on this journey.

Faithfully,
Pastor Dana

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ CHANGE IN PLANS

The parish council budget meeting scheduled for Nov. 14 is cancelled since this work gets done in separate consultations with vestry members. **Instead**, Pastor Dana will offer a brief overview of the transition process (see Pastor Dana's article on page 1), from 7:30-8:30pm.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Monday, November 27

SJP is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and St. John's. To book an appointment, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: stjohnsply) or call the SJP office.

ALTAR GUILD LUNCHEON Tuesday, November 28 ~ 1PM

Altar Guild Chair Beth Wideman would like to show her appreciation and invite all those involved (or wishing to be involved) in the Altar Guild ministry to the annual luncheon on Tuesday, November 28 at 1pm.



MUSIC DEPT. VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Music Dept. is in need of a volunteer to enter music data for the music licensing companies. This would require approximately 1 hour a month (or 15 mins a week) & light computer experience as data is entered online. This first month would be a little more time consuming due to training. Those interested should contact Liza Calisesi Maidens on Sunday or at lmaidens@stjohnsplymouth.org.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



HANGING OF THE GREENS AND POTLUCK LUNCH Sunday, December 10 ~ 11:15am



Decorating for the holidays are exciting! Come help with decorating our church as we await Jesus' birth! We will meet after the 10am service on Dec. 10 (dress down for church suggested) for a potluck lunch and then decorate the church for the Christmas season. Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway for the potluck.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR TO HELP GATHER DECORATIONS? Saturday, December 9 ~ 10am

We are in need of several volunteers with strong muscles and backs to bring Christmas items from the Youth House. If you can help, sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE! ~ INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER Saturday, December 2 ~ 10am - 12pm

Pastor Dana will lead this introduction to centering prayer; a method of silent prayer that is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. During this time of prayer, we consent to God's presence and action within, creating a reservoir of stillness upon which we can draw throughout the day. More details to come.



VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE CONCERT AT SJP Sunday, December 3 ~ 3PM

The Vocal Arts Ensemble delighted to share its love of singing great choral literature with St. John's, as they celebrate the holiday season with Magnificats (songs of Mary) and carols from across the ages. A donation of \$10 a person/\$25 for families will be asked. A reception will follow the concert in the Gathering. As part of this celebration, we are asking for volunteers to bring finger dessert for the reception.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve December 24 at 4:00pm. We are seeking a few volunteers to help prepare props and costume bags, then hand out the bags at the service. Interested? Contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org or 734-453-0190, ext. 14.



HAT, SCARF & GLOVE DRIVE FOR STARFISH

The Youth of St. John's will be holding a Hat, Scarf and Glove Drive for their Ministry Partners, Starfish Family Services, during the month of November. Please consider a donation of new hat, scarf and/or gloves-sizes toddler though adult are needed. We will be collecting items through December 3. The collection bin is in that narthex by the Family Ministry bulletin board.

ST. JOHN'S 13TH ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

For the last twelve years, the Men's Devotional Group has led the SJP sock drive providing socks for St. Leo's and Crossroads Soup Kitchens. A \$25 contribution can provide over 55 pairs of socks. Sock delivery by early-Dec, so if you wish to join the effort, **please write your check to St. John's with "socks" in the memo line by November 26.** Contact Hadyn Notestine at 734-658-8244 or Larry MacLeod at jlmaclod@wowway.com with questions.



ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES Wednesdays, Nov. 29 - Dec. 13

Do you get tired and stressed getting ready for the holidays? Why not do something for yourself! Acrylic painting is fun and easy! Take one class or take them all! Classes are on Wednesdays, Nov. 29-Dec. 13 from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$20 per class. Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Add names at our prayer station in the Narthex. Prayers continue for 30 days.

Gray	Henry
Lexy	Marie
Rev. Barb Cavin	Cheryl Crouse
John Culotta	Suzanne Eberly
Charles Eissler	Jeff Holland
Janis Kljun	Kitty Kremer
Susan Lutz	Marilyn Mason
Justin Rush	Connie Schamante
Mark Sharp	Ernst Sternberg
The Roger Schlee Family	The Mike Robinson Family
The Reck Family	The Tacy Family

For those in uniform

Matthew J. Mitchell - U.S. Navy Chief
Thomas Dolce - U.S. Air Force
Carly Bair - U.S. Navy
Joe James - U.S. Army
Ian Smith - U.S. Navy
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army
David Peraino - U.S. Army
Taylor Blair - U.S. Army
Nate Jesgarz - U.S. Navy



SERVING TODAY - NOVEMBER 12

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Rita Smith,
Nancy Mitchell,
Vicki Pratt/Irene Jarrell



Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Michael Zuckerman,
Richard Dessin, Howard Zuckerman

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Amelia Dowswell, TJ Rapson

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sal Cavallaro, Carolyn Setty

SERVING NEXT WEEK - NOVEMBER 19

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Jan MacLeod, Pat Sonntag,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 James Boileau, Dick Bass, Lynn Rison

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Sue Skaggs, Alan Taracuk

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hours ~ Monday – Friday ~ 8:30am – 4:30pm

SUNDAY, November 12

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs) 9:45-11:45am
Sunday School..... 9:45am
Coffee Hour – Gathering..... 11:15am
Choir Practice..... 11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir..... 11:15am
Parent Small Group..... 11:15am
PFLAG Meeting..... 3:00pm

MONDAY, November 13

BeFriender's Meeting..... 9:30am
LifeLine Screening..... 10:00am
Narcotics Anonymous..... 7:00pm

TUESDAY, November 14

Bible Study..... 9:30am
Food Pantry..... 2:00-4:00pm
NO Parish Council Mtg.....
Transition Process Mtg (open to all)..... 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, November 15

Wednesday Women's Study..... 9:00am
Midweek Prayer Service..... 10:30am
SJP Houseband Rehearsal..... 6:30pm

THURSDAY, November 16

OA Meeting..... 8:30am
Men's Group..... 10:00am
Food Pantry..... 2:00-4:00pm

FRIDAY, November 17

SATURDAY, November 18

Men's Bible Sunday..... 7:30am
Al Anon Meeting 8:00am

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Dates to Remember

Stock Club..... Monday, Nov. 20
Red Cross Blood Drive..... Monday, Nov. 27
Altar Guild Luncheon..... Tuesday, Nov. 28